

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 13-01-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 21, 2013  
Commission Meeting: January 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 7, 2013

2. CenturyLink N2012.12.127 (Mike)

On December 10, 2012 CenturyLink filed a Petition for Waiver of the Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 in CC Docket No. 99-200. A waiver of the FCC's requirements would allow Neustar, the National Pooling Administrator, to provide one new thousand block of numbers to Qwest Corporation in the Bozeman Rate Center in order to satisfy a specific customer request from Oracle. The FCC rules do allow for a waiver of rules when there is such a specific customer request. This waiver process ("safety valve process") is addressed in FCC 01-362, paragraphs 57-66, which delegates waiver authority to state commissions. Probable Motion: Move to approve the CenturyLink Petition for Waiver in Docket No. N2012.12.127 and instruct the Pooling Administrator to issue an appropriate 1000 number block to CenturyLink in the Bozeman Rate Center.

3. CenturyLink N2013.1.3 (Mike)

On December 19, 2012 CenturyLink filed a Petition for Waiver of the Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 in CC Docket No. 99-200. A waiver of the FCC's requirements would allow Neustar, the National Pooling Administrator, to provide one new thousand block of numbers to Qwest Corporation in the Missoula Rate Center in order to satisfy a specific customer request from Missoula School District. The FCC rules do allow for a waiver of rules when there is such a specific customer request. This waiver process ("safety valve process") is addressed in FCC 01-362, paragraphs 57-66, which delegates waiver authority to state commissions. Probable Motion: Move to approve the CenturyLink Petition for Waiver in Docket No. N2013.1.3 and instruct the Pooling Administrator to issue an appropriate 1000 number block to CenturyLink in the Missoula Rate Center.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2012.9.94 – NWE – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas Delivery Service Rates and Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design – Discuss and act on NWE’s Objections to Data Requests. (1/24/13)
2. D2012.11.118 – MDU – Natural Gas Conservation Program Portfolio – Discuss and act on portfolio for program year 2013. (1/24/13)
3. D2012.3.24 – MDU – Petition of MDU for Certification of Eligible Renewable Resources and Community Renewable Energy Resources – Discuss and act on granting MDU’s petition to certify community renewable energy projects. (1/24/13)
4. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/24/13)
5. **1/22/13 at 1:30 p.m., 1/23/13, at 8:30 a.m.** - Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills.

**Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2013.1.4 - Energy West Montana - Application to Make Interim Adjustments Final and to Reconcile an over-collection of Gas Cost by Decreasing Rates by \$174,497

D2013.1.5 - Energy West Montana - Application for Approval of the Reconciliation of its Universal Systems Benefits Account Application for Approval of the Reconciliation of its Universal Systems Benefits Account